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SUBJECT: AMIR'S REPLY TO PRESIDENT'S CAMP DAVID LETTER

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1. ACTING FOREIGN MINISTER CALLED IN CHARGE' AUGUST 23 TO DELIVER AMIR'S LETTER IN REPLY TO THAT RECEIVED FROM PRESIDENT CARTER ON THE CAMP DAVID MEETING. WE ARE POUCHING ARABIC ORIGINAL AND GOB TRANSLATION TO NEA/ARP. ACTING FM ADDED HIS OWN BEST WISHES FOR SUCCESS OF THESE TALKS. HE BELIEVED WITH PRESIDENT CARTER'S ADDED PRESTIGE, THESE MEETINGS WILL GET NEGOTIATIONS MOVING AGAIN. HE BELIEVED THAT IT WAS VERY IMPORTANT THAT THESE MEETINGS SUCCEED BECAUSE IF THEY FAILED IT WOULD BE "MANY YEARS" BEFORE AN ARAB LEADER COULD AGAIN TAKE THE STEPS PRESIDENT SADAT HAS TAKEN. FOLLOWING IS THE TEXT OF AMIR'S LETTER.

2. QUOTE
YOUR EXCELLENCY,

I RECEIVED WITH GREAT PLEASURE YOUR LETTER OF
16TH AUGUST, 1978.

YOUR EFFORTS IN BRINGING TOGETHER PRESIDENT SADAT AND
PRIME MINISTER BEGIN ARE MOST WARMLY WELCOMED AND YOUR THOUGHTS
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ON THE FORTHCOMING MIDDLE EAST MEETING AT CAMP DAVID ECHO THOSE
OF MYSELF, MY GOVERNMENT AND MY COUNTRY.

THE MIDDLE EAST HAS FOR LONG ENOUGH NOW BEEN UNSETTLED
BY BITTERNESS AND STRIFE. THESE TALKS ARE THEREFORE OF GREAT
IMPORTANCE AND SIGNIFICANCE NOT ONLY TO BAHRAIN BUT ALSO TO THE
REST OF THE WORLD, WHO I FEEL SURE EXPECT, AS WE DO, SOME

FUNDAMENTAL PROGRESS TOWARDS A JUST AND LASTING PEACE IN THE MIDDLE EAST. DESPITE THE VERY REAL DIFFICULTIES THAT EXIST THE PRESENT OPPORTUNITY FOR PEACE MUST NOT BE ALLOWED TO SLIP AWAY SINCE THE CHANCE TO RESOLVE THIS TRAGIC CONFLICT MAY NOT ARISE AGAIN FOR A LONG TIME TO COME.

IT IS THEREFORE HOPED THAT THIS MEETING WILL BE NO LESS HISTORIC THAN THOSE IN JERUSALEM AND ISMAILIA, AND TO THIS END YOU MAY BE ASSURED OF BAHRAIN'S FULL AND UNQUALIFIED SUPPORT IN THE TALKSON WHICH YOU ARE EMBARKING.

PLEASE ACCEPT, YOUR EXCELLENCY, MY WARMEST REGARDS AND BEST WISHES. YOURS SINCERELY, ISA BIN SALMAN AL-KHALIFA
AMIR OF THE STATE OF BAHRAIN UNQUOTE
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